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TAGS: AEMR, VS, US
SUBJECT : REFUGEE EVACUATION

1. DOD IS MAKING CERTAIN U.S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS AVAILABLE FOR OFFSHORE REPEAT OFFSHORE EVACUATION OF DANANG AND ELSEWHERE ALONG SOUTH VIETNAMESE COAST AS NEEDED. USE OF THESE VESSELS WILL BE UNDER MILITARY CONTROL WHICH WILL COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY SAIGON. ALL COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT VESSELS UNDER CONTRACT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN DANANG EVACUATION WILL ALSO REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER EVACUATION ALONG COAST AS NECESSARY.

2. WE HAVE NOTED AUSTRALIAN CONCERN ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION OF SHIP AND AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS FOR EVACUATION PURPOSES. IS THE MSC OFFICE IN SAIGON SUFFICIENT FOR THIS PURPOSE? KISSINGER

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